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Akron Technology Company Named Top Business Incubator Client

NBIA names Summit 2011 Outstanding Incubator Client of the Year

Akron, Ohio, April 13, 2011 – Summit Data Communications, a manufacturer of industrial-grade and medical-grade wireless modules, today was named the 2011 Outstanding Incubator Client in the technology category by the National Business Incubation Association. A client of the Akron Global Business Accelerator in downtown Akron, Summit bested more than 1,000 international entrants, including two finalists from Hong Kong.

“Summit Data Communications is part of an energized and growing technology community here in Northeastern Ohio,” said Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic. “Summit continues to build upon the wireless communications legacy that began here some 30 years ago with Telxon, and is leveraging the investments we’re making to help build healthcare technology companies in the region.”

Summit products provide secure and reliable wireless connectivity for mobile devices such as barcode scanners and medical devices that operate in challenging environments such as factories, warehouses, and hospitals. More than 1.2 million Summit wireless modules are used by firms of all sizes, including many Fortune 500 companies, around the world. Over two-thirds of Summit’s revenues come from outside the United States. Last year, *Inc. Magazine* named Summit the fifth-fastest growing privately held computer hardware manufacturer in the U.S.

Summit employs more than 30 people, most in technical areas such as hardware and software development, quality control, and technical support. The company partners with the nearby University of Akron to offer internship programs to local students.

“Since our beginning in early 2006, the Akron Global Business Accelerator has been central to our success, providing us with the counsel and infrastructure a fast-growing business requires,” said Summit President Ron Seide. “Our achievements and those of the other contestants show how business incubators around the world are bringing together public resources and entrepreneurs to create high-paying jobs and drive economic growth.”

Summit received its award at the 25th annual National Business Incubation Conference in San Jose, California



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About Summit:

Summit Data Communications, Inc. is the mobile in today's mobile computers, medical devices, and other business-critical mobile devices. Summit's embedded Wi-Fi solutions provide secure, reliable connections in the challenging environments in which business-critical mobile devices operate, including factories, warehouses, ports, hospitals, and retail stores.

About the NBIA

The National Business Incubation Association is the world's leading organization advancing business incubation and entrepreneurship. Each year, the NBIA Incubation Awards honor the business incubation programs, graduates and client companies that exemplify the best of the industry.

About the AGBA

The Akron Global Business Accelerator offers physical support and management expertise to encourage the development and growth of small start-up manufacturing and technology businesses. The AGBA is a partnership of the City of Akron, University of Akron, and the State of Ohio. Today the AGBA provides nearly 200,000 square feet of space for start-up businesses in Canal Place, which is part of the former B.F. Goodrich Industrial Plant in downtown Akron. The AGBA is the largest industrial incubator in Ohio and one of the largest worldwide.

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